INSTRUCTION

HIV/AIDS Prevention Education

Shoreline School District supports a comprehensive health education program which includes HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) and AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) prevention education. Students shall receive such education at least once each year, beginning no later than fifth grade. The health curriculum includes an emphasis on wellness that encompasses an understanding, respect, and responsibility for self and others.

- 1. The district shall adopt an Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) approved HIV/AIDS prevention education program;
- 2. At least one presentation for parents concerning the curricula and materials adopted for classroom use will be conducted annually:
 - a. The presentation must occur at least one month prior to teaching HIV/AIDS prevention education in any classroom;
 - b. A presentation must occur on weekend or evening hours; and
 - c. Parents or guardians shall be notified by the district of the presentation and that the curricula and materials will be available for inspection.
- 3. No student may be required to participate in HIV/AIDS prevention education if the student's parent or guardian, having attended a district presentation, objects in writing to participation;
- 4. The district's curriculum for HIV/AIDS prevention education shall be designed to teach students the life-threatening dangers of contracting AIDS, the behaviors that place a person dangerously at risk of infection with the human immunodeficiency virus, and methods to avoid such risk.
 - a. The focus of HIV/AIDS prevention education is on the nature of the disease, its transmission, and abstinence as the only certain means of prevention;
 - b. The program shall teach that condoms and other artificial means of birth control are not a certain means of preventing the spread of AIDS and that reliance on condoms puts a person at risk; and
 - c. The program shall teach the danger of drug abuse, especially that involving the use of hypodermic needles.

Cross reference:	Policy 3414	Infectious Diseases
	Policy 2311	Selection and Adoption of Instructional Materials
	Policy 2335	Health, Family Life, and Human Growth and Development
	Policy 2125	Sexual Health Education
Legal reference:	RCW 28A.230.070	AIDS Education in Public Schools
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